

CLAIMS

1. A structure comprising a first area including a plurality of pores which have a first period and a second area including a plurality of pores which have a second period, characterized in that the first area and the second area share a plurality of pores.

10 2. A structure comprising periodic array structures of pores formed in an anodized oxide film, wherein a plurality of types of periodic array structures are arranged adjacent to one another.

15 3. The structure according to claim 2, wherein a plurality of types of the periodic array structures are arranged adjacent to one another and there are at least two pores in the shared region which constitutes the boundary thereof.

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4. The structure according to claim 2, wherein a plurality of types of the periodic array structures have at least one pore in addition to the pores in the shared region.

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5. The structure according to claim 2, wherein a plurality of types of the periodic array

structures each have equal distances between first proximate pores or have the distance between first proximate pores on one side equal to the distance between second proximate pores on the other side or 5 have equal distances between second proximate pores.

6. The structure according to claim 5, wherein the distance between the most proximate pores of a plurality of types of the periodic array 10 structures is 0.75B to 1.5B where B is a numerical value [nm] included within the range between a maximum value and a minimum value of the distance between the most proximate pores of the above described plurality of types of periodic array 15 structures.

7. The structure according to claim 2, wherein said periodic array structures is a rectangular lattice, tetragonal lattice, hexagonal lattice, 20 graphite-shaped lattice or parallelogram lattice.

8. The structure according to claim 2, wherein said anodized oxide film is comprised of aluminum as a principal component.

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9. The structure according to claim 2, wherein at least one of said pores includes a filler.

10. The structure according to claim 9, wherein
said filler is a dielectric having a dielectric
constant different from that of said anodized oxide
film, semiconductor, magnetic material or light-
5 emitting material.

11. An optical device wherein said pores of the
structure according to claim 2 are filled with a
dielectric having dielectric constant different from
10 that of said anodized oxide film.

12. A light-emitting device wherein said pores
of the structure according to claim 2 are filled with
a light-emitting material.

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13. A magnetic device wherein said pores of the
structure according to claim 2 are filled with a
magnetic material.

20 14. A magnetic recording medium comprising:
a data area where pores filled with said
magnetic material to record information; and
a servo area where track positions are detected,
wherein the structure made up of simple
25 periodic arrays of said pores differs between said
data area and said servo area.

15. The magnetic recording medium according to
claim 14, wherein at least one pore in said servo
area is shifted by half a period with respect to the
period of pores perpendicular to the track direction
5 in the data area.

16. The magnetic recording medium according to
claim 14, wherein said servo area is constructed of
at least two types of periodic array structures.

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17. A method of manufacturing a structure in
which a plurality of pore periodic array structures
formed in an anodized oxide film having different
periods are arranged adjacent to one another,
15 comprising:

(1) a step of forming pore starting points made
up of a plurality of types of periodic arrays on the
surface of a substrate comprised of aluminum as a
principal component; and
20 (2) a step of anodizing said substrate
simultaneously at the same anodization voltage.

18. The method of manufacturing a structure
according to claim 17, wherein said plurality of
25 periodic array structures having different periods
are arranged adjacent to one another and there are at
least two pores in the shared region which is the

boundary thereof.

19. The method of manufacturing a structure according to claim 17, wherein said plurality of
5 periodic array structures having different periods have at least one pore in addition to the pores in said shared region.

20. The method of manufacturing a structure
10 according to claim 17, wherein a voltage applied during anodization of the structure of said plurality of periodic arrays is $A [V] (B [nm] = A [V]/2.5 [V/nm])$, where B is a numerical value included within the range between a maximum value and a minimum value
15 of the distance between the most proximate pores included in said plurality of types of periodic array structures).